1 2 3 4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 5 DISTRICT OF NEVADA 6 7 VERNON W. NELSON, JR., Case No. 3:15-cv-00403-MMD-WGC 8 Petitioner. **ORDER** ٧. 9 RENEE BAKER, et al., 10 Respondents. 11 This habeas matter comes before the Court on petitioner's motion for voluntary 12 13 dismissal. (ECF No. 18.) Respondents have filed a motion to dismiss the petition, inter alia, with prejudice 14 as untimely. (ECF No. 9.) Petitioner filed an opposition to the motion. He now seeks 15 dismissal of "all counts and claims in his pending habeas corpus as soon as is 16 17 procedurally possible." The Court will grant petitioner's motion. Given that petitioner seeks dismissal at a 18 time when a motion to dismiss with prejudice is pending, the Court exercises its discretion 19 under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(2) to dismiss the action without prejudice. 20 It therefore is ordered that petitioner's motion for voluntary dismissal (ECF No. 18) 21 is granted and that this action is dismissed without prejudice. 22 It further is ordered that respondents' motion to dismiss (ECF No. 9) accordingly is 23 24 denied as moot. The Clerk of Court is directed to close this case. 25 26 DATED THIS 14th day of November 2016. 27 28 MIRÁNDA M. DU

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE